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**NEW ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES PROVIDE EXEMPTION  
FOR HIV RAPID TESTING**

HONOLULU – The Hawai`i State Department of Health (DOH) has received final approval for new administrative rules that will help facilitate HIV rapid testing by non-profit organizations. The approval follows an extensive public hearing process that solicited comments statewide.

“The new administrative rules will help organizations like the Life Foundation provide HIV tests that will allow for individuals to obtain their results in approximately 20 minutes. This means we can better help individuals learn their HIV status and link them with prevention and medical care services as needed,” said Health Director Dr. Chiyome Fukino.

On June 27, Governor Linda Lingle signed the approval of Hawai`i Administrative Rules, Title 11 Chapter 110.1 entitled, “Clinical Laboratories and Laboratory Personnel.” Effective July 5, this rule change provides less stringent regulations for non-profit organizations and other state or local government laboratories that engage in limited public health testing. The new rules allow organizations to perform certain tests (such as HIV rapid testing and influenza tests) on a limited basis without current requirements for licensure which can be cost prohibitive. The new rules also facilitate licensing of laboratory clinicians that received their formal training in foreign countries.

The newly approved administrative rules may be accessed via the internet at  
<http://www.hawaii.gov/health/about/rules/admrules.html>

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